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OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS

No. 21

ROBERT W. KUBACH, EDITOR

JAN. 1970

JANUARY MEETING. THE JANUARY 11TH MEETING OF THE CATTC WILL BE IN THE HOME OF ELAINE WILLAHAN, 516 W. 99TH ST., LOS ANGELES, FROM 2 UNTIL 4:30 P.M. LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT BY ATTENDING A CATTC MEETING. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE SOME OF OUR LOCAL MEMBERS HAVE ATTENDED A MEETING.

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DUES ARE DUE! THE 1970 DUES OF \$1 ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE SEND YOUR DOLLAR TO THE SECRETARY: ELAINE WILLAHAN, 516 W. 99TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044, OR BETTER YET, BRING YOUR DOLLAR TO THE JANUARY MEETING AND SAVE THE POSTAGE.

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WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET IN 1970? WE SHOULD GIVE THIS MATTER SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT AT THE JANUARY MEETING. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO LINE UP THE MEETINGS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR AT THIS TIME.

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WE REGRET THE PASSING OF OUR MEMBER, MR. ERIC A. GRAY. HE PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 18, 1969. IN ADDITION TO BEING AN ACTIVE TOKEN COLLECTOR, HE ALSO WAS A VERY ACTIVE PRECANCEL STAMP COLLECTOR. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM.

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OUR THANKS TO MOLLY & BOB RITTERBAND FOR PROVIDING THE NOVEMBER MEETING PLACE. IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER, THOSE THAT MADE IT CAME AWAY WITH SOME NEW AND INTERESTING TOKENS. A BIG THANK YOU TO MOLLY FOR ALL THE REFRESHMENTS.

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WHY NOT SEND IN A NEWS ITEM FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IN MARCH?

## ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HEARD FROM.

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING AT NORM SHERMAN'S HOME WILL RECALL THAT WE ALL JOINED IN SENDING A EUROPEAN BUS POST CARD TO ONE OF OUR NEW YORK MEMBERS, JOSEPH ALLIS. HIS RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED BY ROBERT RITTERBAND, AND IT INCLUDED A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

MY DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

I WANT TO THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL GESTURE, TO REMEMBER ME AND TO AUTOGRAPH THAT POST CARD WHICH MR. RITTERBAND SENT HERE. I SHALL INDEED TREASURE IT, AND WILL MOUNT IT CAREFULLY IN MY POST CARD ALBUM. AGAIN, MANY THANKS!

SINCERELY, YOUR FELLOW MEMBER,

JOSEPH ALLIS

P. S. I MAY SEE YOU ALL IN 1970, I HOPE.

MR. ALLIS WROTE FURTHER OF A POSSIBLE RE-VISIT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EARLY IN THE YEAR. IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE TO GREET HIM HERE ONCE AGAIN. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OTHER AVA MEMBERS AT OUR MEETINGS IF THEY ARE IN THIS AREA. I HOPE THAT I CAN INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL MEETING PLACES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR IN THE NEXT TOKEN TOPICS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE THAT MAY BE VACATIONING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1970.

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I SINCERELY HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THAT YOU HAVE A VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

NOW, DUST OFF THOSE TOKENS AND HEAD FOR ELAINE'S ON JANUARY 11TH!

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## TOKEN TOPICS

of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors

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Robert W. Kubach, Editor

March, 1970

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MARCH 8th MEETING It is necessary to make a last minute change in the March meeting place. We will meet in the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th Street, Los Angeles from 2 until 5 PM. Round up all those duplicate tokens and head for Elaine's rumpus room.

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1970 MEETINGS Mark these dates on your calender. Here are the CATTC meeting places and dates for the balance of 1970.

May 17 - Wassel Home, Whittier.  
July 12 - F. Gordon Smith Home, Oceanside.  
Sep. 13 - Picnic - Probably in Travel Town, Los Angeles.  
Nov. 8 - Ritterband Home, Los Angeles.

Token hobbyists are generally quite travel-minded too. All should be interested in the 9-day "Worldwide Travel Fair", scheduled for the malls of Century City, Los Angeles, March 20th thru the 28th. So many exhibits and displays have been signed for the available space that the Fair will run in two segments. One batch of sponsors will be there the first five days, and then move out to accommodate the second batch the last four days. This event promises to be colorful, exciting and well attended.

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Les Hawthorne reports that he has acquired many new tokens in travels in Australia. Bob Ritterband reported on a phone conversation with John Coffee. The long awaited Atwood Catalog is at the printers. So, it won't be long now. Duane Feisel reports that a new Parking Token Catalog is in the works too.

Jan. Meeting - Once again we must thank Elaine Willahan for being such a gracious hostess. The 15 members and three visitors wish to thank you for the lovely meeting place, and all the refreshments. Many tokens changed hands, I hope every one was able to add something new to his collection.

LAST CALL FOR 1970 DUES! If you have not sent you \$1 for 1970 dues to Elaine Willahan, 516 W. 99th St., Los Angeles 90044, better do it now.

### NEW MEMBER

95 Katherine M. Finnegan, 147 E. 5th Ave., Roselle, N. J. 07203

I regret that I must report the passing of two of our members.  
Mr. John Clymer, Dallas, Texas  
Mr. Joseph J. Finnegan, Roselle, N. J.

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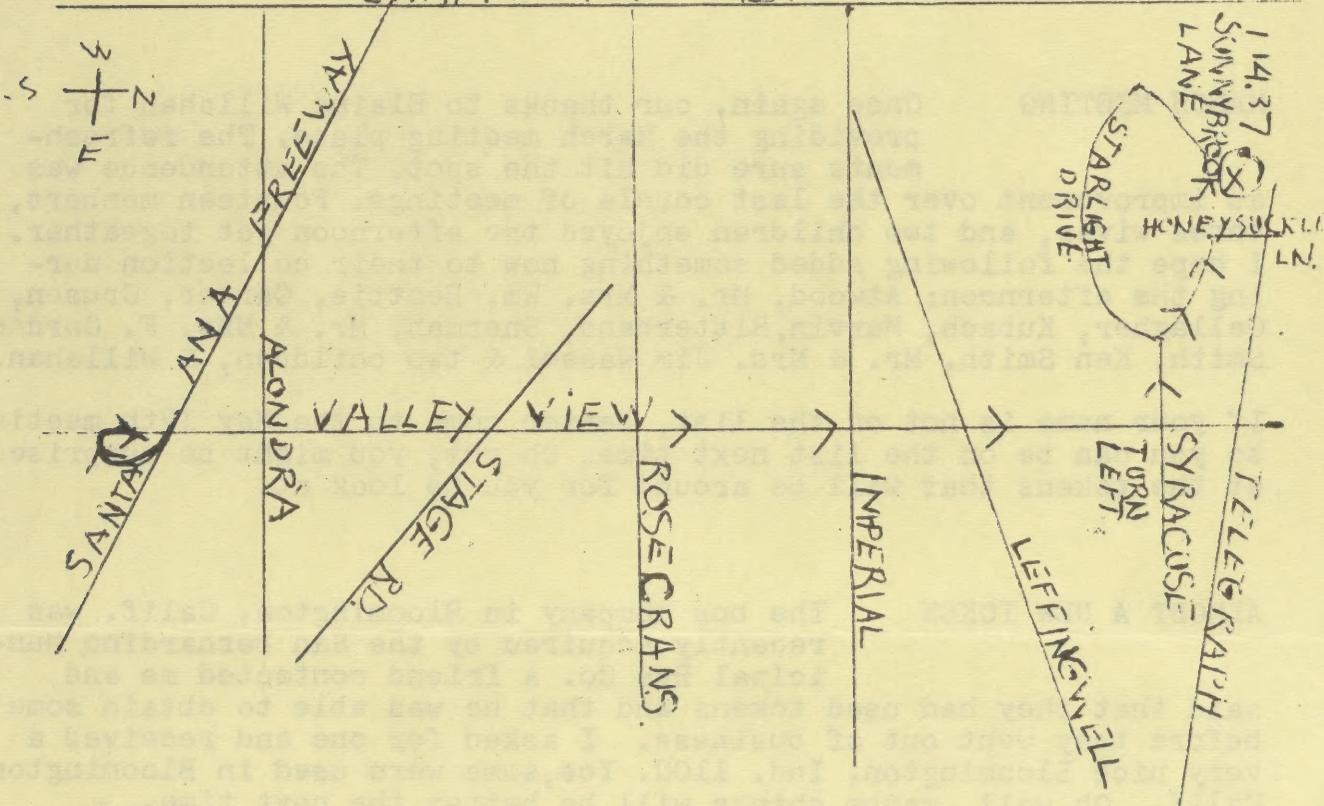
May, 1970

### MAY 17th MEETING

Mothers Day is the second Sunday in May, so we have moved the May meeting to the third Sunday. This month we will travel to Whittier for a meeting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wassel, 11437 Sunnybrook Lane, Whittier, from 2 until 4 PM.

Take the Santa Ana Freeway to Valley View off ramp. North on Valley View to Syracuse, left on Syracuse to Sunnybrook Lane.

### CARMINETA RD.



### NEW MEMBER

This month we welcome Mr. Ernest C. Altvater Jr. to the CATTC. Hope he will be able to attend the May. meeting.

96 Ernest C. Altvater Jr., 2325 Pattiglen, La Verne, CA 91750

### Address change:

Harold G. Bavaird to P. O. Box 6127, Bay Osos, CA 93401

## NOTES

Elaine Willahan & Bob Ritterband report that they have received their new ATWOOD Catalog. Hope the P. O. gets mine here soon.

Roland is on a bus trip of the southwestern U. S. Find any new tokens, Roland?

Recently, I attended a meeting of the Eagle Rock Historical Society and viewed a large collection of citrus box labels. Who will be the first in CATTC to add this to their collecting interest? Elaine, are you interested?

We regret that it was necessary to drop four members for non payment of 1970 dues. I hope that they will rejoin us real soon.

## MARCH MEETING

Once again, our thanks to Elaine Willahan for providing the March meeting place. The refreshments sure did hit the spot. The attendance was an improvement over the last couple of meetings. Fourteen members, three wives, and two children enjoyed the afternoon get together. I hope the following added something new to their collection during the afternoon: Atwood, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Beattie, Carter, Crusen, Gallagher, Kubach, Marvin, Ritterband, Sherman, Mr. & Mrs. F. Gordon Smith, Ken Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wassel & two children, & Willahan.

If your name is not on the list, better come to the May 17th meeting so you can be on the list next time. Oh yes, you might be surprised at the tokens that will be around for you to look at.

## ALMOST A NEW TOKEN

The bus company in Bloomington, Calif. was recently acquired by the San Bernardino Municipal Bus Co. A friend contacted me and said that they had used tokens and that he was able to obtain some before they went out of business. I asked for one and received a very nice Bloomington, Ind. 110C. Yes, some were used in Bloomington, Calif. Oh well, maybe things will be better the next time.

Round up all those tokens and head for Whittier on the 17th.

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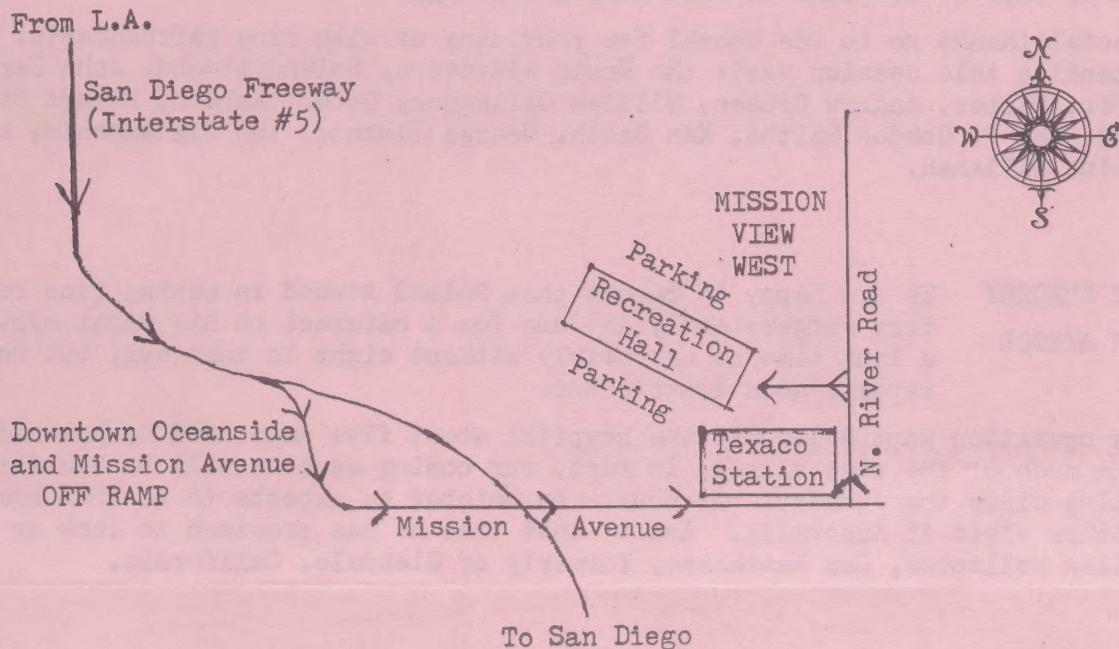
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Robert W. Kubach, Editor

July, 1970

JULY 12TH MEETING    Mr. & Mrs. F. Gordon Smith have invited the CATTC to Oceanside for the July 12th meeting.  
IN OCEANSIDE    We will meet in the Recreation Hall from 2 until 4:30 PM. Most of us will come from the north, so, take Interstate 5 to Mission Ave. (Downtown Oceanside) off ramp, turn left on Mission to North River Road. (About 4 miles) Turn left on North River Road. Mission View West is on the left. I hope that our members in the San Diego and Orange County area will be with us for our first meeting in Oceanside. FOR THEM IT'S REALLY CLOSE!

SORRY - NO ONE UNDER AGE 21 ALLOWED IN RECREATION HALL.



CHANGE IN SEP. &  
NOV. MEETINGS.

The members present at the May meeting voted to change the September meeting to Sep. 20th (3rd Sunday) and meet at the home of Molly & Bob Ritterband. Better change your calendar now.

Many of the members at the May meeting expressed a desire for another meeting at The Orange Empire Trolley Museum in Perris. Plans are being made to have the November meeting at the Museum. I would like to know the preference of those interested in the trip. Do you want to meet at some location in LA and go by chartered bus, or, would you prefer to drive your car or share ride with another member? Please express your preference at the July meeting. If you can not attend the July meeting, but want to go to Perris in Nov., please drop the secretary, Elaine Willahan, 516 W. 99th St., LA 90044. a card and tell her your preference.

**RE-ELECT RITTERBAND** For four good years, Robert Ritterband was president of the CATTC. He also had a term as Curator of the A.V.A. This year Bob is vice-president of our national association, and now is coming up for re-election. Most of us are all for it!

The position of v-p at times in the past may have been just an empty title. That is surely not the case this year. Bob was given the duty of handling our organization's public relations, and he has done a fine job of it. Hardly a month has gone by all year when stories of A.V.A. activities missed being in one or more of the hobby newspapers and journals. In contrast to other years, this has told many more collectors about our association, resulting in a number of new memberships and increased sales of our new Catalogue.

Let's keep Ritterband on the job! Mail your official ballot promptly, with his name checked, and ask fellow Vecturists all to do the same. Thanks..... R.W.K.

**MAY MEETING** We wish to extend thanks to Jim and Dee Wassel for providing the May meeting place. This was our first meeting in Whittier, and all 16 members and guests seemed to be very busy adding to their collections. Our new member, Ernie Altvater, attended his initial meeting along with his wife, and we hope to see them at many more gatherings.

Special thanks go to Dee Wassel for providing us with fine refreshments. Those attending this session were: the Ernie Altvaters, Roland Atwood, John Barnes, Robert Carter, Andrew Crusen, William Gallagher, Robert Kubach, Robert Ritterband, the F. Gordon Smiths, Ken Smith, George Ticknor, the Jim Wassels, and Elaine Willahan.

**EYE SURGERY FOR ATWOOD** We are happy to report that Roland Atwood is making fine recovery from surgery early in June for a cataract on his right eye. For a long time he was nearly without sight in that eye, but now he reports good improvement.

The operation kept Roland in the hospital about five days, and he has had to stay home much of the time since. In fact, our coming meeting will be his first real outing since the surgery. Of course by October he expects to be 100% ready for another visit to Australia. And at that time he has promised to look up our fellow collector, Les Hawthorne, formerly of Glendale, California.

**PRESIDENT'S VACATION** Shortly before our July meeting date, the club president (and editor!) will be heading east for a vacation to last about a month or so. Wish I could wait until after our session, but there is a special event coming up that I just cannot miss.

Did you ever ride a paddle wheel steamer on the Mississippi? I never did before, but in July I expect to be aboard the "Delta Queen" on a run leaving Cincinnati, and going down the Ohio to that "Old Man River" and return. This stern-wheeler was built right here in Stockton, Calif. in 1927. We can verify that date because Dick and Bob Ritterband (as high schoolers) visited on board shortly before it was commissioned. Originally used on overnight runs between San Francisco and Sacramento, the vessel was later brought to the Mississippi by way of the Panama Canal.

After riding the "Queen", I plan to get a rent car and visit relatives in Ohio for several weeks. Why not come along! Anyhow, while I am away our club details and July meet will be in the capable hands of "veep" Robert Carter.



# American Vecturist Association

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

Vice-President

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NEWS RELEASE

June 10, 1970

## A.V.A. CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR DALLAS

A Sunday morning ride on an 1890 Texas mule car will be a feature of this year's convention of American Vecturist Association members. Transportation token collectors in the national organization have been promised such a jaunt during their annual gathering, set for August 14-16 at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, with the Texas Area Vecturists as hosts. The event immediately precedes an American Numismatic convention in St. Louis, Mo.

The A.V.A. meet opens on a Friday afternoon, with registrations and token displays, and then an all-evening swap session. On Saturday there will be morning and afternoon business sessions, followed by a floor auction of unusual and rare tokens consigned by members. Harry Strough, 2703 Milam Street, Houston 77001, has been named to assemble and catalog the auction pieces, with Andrew Morgan to serve as auctioneer.

A banquet Saturday evening is to include a slide program from the Age of Steam Museum in Dallas. This is a 45-minute showing, with emphasis on railroad and electric interurban history.

Sunday morning is reserved for the mule car ride, in Waxahachie, Texas. Conventioners will go by chartered bus to that town, about 30 miles south of Dallas. Awaiting them will be an original Waxahachie Street Railway mule car, now with rubber tires, which will be pulled over parts of the old roadbed. A special transportation token has been designed for this event, and will be available by mail to other collectors after the convention. The conclave ends on Sunday afternoon, with a watermelon party on White Rock Lake in Dallas.

A registration of \$14 will cover the tour and its souvenir token, the banquet, and the various meetings. "Early bird" guests who register before July 21 will be allowed a \$2 deduction from the stated amount. Payment checks and further inquiries should be directed to Henry Reidling, 11516 Flamingo Lane, Dallas 75218, general chairman for the convention.

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Robert W. Kubach, Editor

Sep., 1970

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SEPTEMBER 20th MEETING

The next regular meeting of the CATTC will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sep. 20th from 2 until 4:30 PM in the home of Bob & Molly Ritterband, 6576 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles. Note that the meeting this month is on the third Sunday. Now that most of us have had part of or all our vacation and the kids are back in school, why not spend a little time on the token collection.

NEW MEMBER

Elaine signed up a new member at the July meeting. We welcome Mr. Harry K. Nicholls, 919 South Manhattan place #29, Los Angeles 90019. Hope that you will be with us at the Sep. meeting and are able to add something to your collection.

NEWS ABOUT

OUR MEMBERS.

Bob Smith is recovering from a hart attack. He has been removed from intensive care. Bob, we wish you a swift return to good health. Hope you will be able to make a CATTC meeting before too long.

Your editor enjoyed a variety packed vacation that included a trip to Chicago on the Santa Fe Super Chief, nine days aboard the Paddle Wheeler Delta Queen on the Ohio, Tennessee, & Cumberland Rivers, a trip on the Cass Mountain Scenic Railroad in W. Va., tour Ohio & W. Va. via rental car, then jetted back to LA. During all that roaming around I managed to acquire some new tokens for my collection.

JULY MEETING

We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. F. Gordon Smith for providing the excellent meeting place for our first meeting in Oceanside. The attendance was smaller then usual, but those present had a very enjoyable time. Roland Atwood, John Barnes, Andrew Crusen, Harry Nicholls, Robert Ritterband, Claire Smith, F. Gordon Smith, Kenneth Smith, George Ticknor, & Elaine Willahan were the members making the trip to Oceanside. Virginia Barnes, Molly Ritterband, Eleanor Smith, and Kirk Smith were the ever welcome visitors.

COMING EVENTS

The last meeting of 1970 will be on Nov. 8th. We plan to have this meeting at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum in Perris. Officers for 1971 will be elected at this meeting. I hope that the members will give some thought on a slate of officers for 1971.

## TEXAS CONVENTION

According to the limited reports received so far, last month's AVA convention in Dallas was a real good event. We know of four CATTC members who attended, and thus can give you a preliminary rundown on the gathering. But until our editor of The Fare Box, John Coffee, completes his vacation later this month, no one will have full details.

Apparently the only So/Calif. vecturist to attend was Edward Cutler, who tells us he enjoyed everything but the summer heat. Eddie says there were close to forty people on hand all together, including the other three Club members: Toby Frisbee of Denver, Joseph Allis of New York, and Duane Feisel of Palo Alto. Toby's principal comment was that the meet was well managed but not well attended.

A featured event was the Sunday morning Mule Car ride in nearby Waxahachie, Texas, using some of the ancient original trackage. The convention hosts prepared a special Convention Token for use on this jaunt. AVA's New Issues service, under the direction of John Nicolosi, Oakland, Calif., will have copies available for its subscribers and other collectors.

In election results announced at Dallas, Robert Ritterband was re-elected vice president of the AVA, taking about 70% of the nearly 300 votes cast. In the absence of any competition, president Ralph Hinde, secretary Donald Mazeau, and treasurer Toby Frisbee were all continued in office.

Something of an upset occurred in the Curator's position, with Duane Feisel winning by a good margin over the incumbent, Foster Pollack, all without any trace of campaigning for either nominee. Ironically it was Feisel himself as president two years ago who had put Pollack into office. As immediate past president, Feisel now holds two spots on the seven-man AVA Executive Board. Whether or not he will also be entitled to two votes is something for our legal-eagles to ponder.

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## ANOTHER OUTLOOK (?)

Suddenly our collector/members, returning from widely scattered vacations, all seem to echo the same complaint. "Wonderful outing, but sure not much in the way of new token findings." Not that one travels just for such items, but what better souvenirs can you bring home than something nice for that old collection?

Let us repeat a suggestion made a year or so ago on this matter. Maybe now is the time to broaden your outlook and field of interest. And one of the best directions in which to go is the addition of Medals to your Token holdings. There is a reason why so many AVA members are also active in TAMS. Medallic subjects are very plentiful, the pieces are almost always attractive and interesting to study, and the prices are generally reasonable for non-precious metals.

The reason we mention this subject again now is because this writer has just received a copy of the new full-color booklet issued by Presidential Art Medals, Englewood, Ohio 45322. The catalog is something that any collector would enjoy seeing, including illustrated pages on how medals are made. We learn that Presidential offers pieces on any of the 36 U.S. Presidents, the 50 States of the Union, the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence, 50 Great Men of Medicine, a series on the Apollo Lunar Flights, and about 30 people and events of World War II. A number of scattered special items are also offered. Most of these subjects are being released on a scheduled basis over several years. However almost all of those already out are still available for purchase.

Our write-up here is not intended as any "commercial", either paid or unpaid. But if you have any interest in medals, or would like to make a start, send 50c to Presidential, which is refundable on your first order. We are certain you will enjoy each of their 28 pages just as much as we have.

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ROBERT W. KUBACH, EDITOR

NOV., 1970

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#### NOVEMBER 8th MEETING

The November 8th meeting of CATTC will be a trip to the famous Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris, California. Load your family into the car and head for Perris... and a ride in a street car. I hope that we will be able to arrange a suitable place for a short club meeting. However, at this time nothing is definite yet. If you will need a ride to Perris, call Elaine Willahan at PL5-2708 and an attempt will be made to get transportation for you. See you in Perris?

#### IN MEMORIAM

At the time of our September meeting, Robert Smith was reported to be doing fairly well after a heart attack. However, on September 15th he suffered a second and fatal attack. Bob held membership number 15 in the CATTC. I knew him well as a stamp collector for over 25 years, and more recently as a token collector in addition to the stamps. Robert H. Smith will be truly missed by all of our CATTC members.

#### OUR WORLD TRAVELER

Roland Atwood was at the September meeting, and he reported that he would leave in October for another trip to Australia. He expects to be gone this time until around the middle of December. We hope that he finds many new and interesting tokens during his travels.

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our meeting on September 20th was held at the home of Robert and Molly Ritterband in Los Angeles. We had a nice turnout for this gathering. As usual many tokens changed hands during the afternoon. Car Wash tokens and commemorative medallions seem to be gaining in interest among our collectors. Our thanks to Molly for all the refreshments that were served at the close of the meeting. Those attending this session were: Roland Atwood, John Barnes, Bob Carter, Andy Crusen, Bill Gallagher, Les Hawthorne, Bob Kubach, Harry Nicholls, Bob and Molly Ritterband, Norman and Ella Sherman, Arthur Smith, Kenneth Smith, George Tichnor and Elaine Willahan. We hope to see your name on the attendance list next time!

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Yes, it will be here almost before you are ready for it. Elaine says she will be happy to start the New Year off with our next meeting at her home. Don't forget that we will have an election at that time of officers for 1971. What office will you be willing to fill?